



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3773**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 06530.0276-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Marc O. SCHURR et al.

Application No.: 09/957,451

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed September 9, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed December 5, 2008, the period for response to which extends to January 9, 2009 by a request for a one-month extension of time filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes amending the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.